

Arlington Bike Advisory Committee
7 March 2016 Meeting
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201
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Gillian Burgess, Dana Bres, William Fuchs, Eric Goodman, Mike Hanna, Dwight Hlustick, Steve Offutt, Cynthia Palmer, Randy Swart

David Goodman, Larry Filler, David Patton, Kevin Stalica, Erin Potter, Sergio Viricochea (T&EO)

Call to Order; Introductions; Approve minutes Gillian

January and February meeting notes were approved.

Columbia Heights

Army Navy County Club (aka Hoffman-Boston (H-B) Connector) and 12th Street. The planning for the H-B Connector is due to occur in 2020. David Goodman indicated that there is a planning effort for the Wellington Apartments which may include some trail connection between S Rolfe and S Barton south of Columbia Pike.

Regulatory signs on trails Kevin/

Last month, there was a discussion of the use of stop signs on trails in Arlington County. The current Virginia law says that stop signs can be installed on trails if the jurisdiction passes an ordinance.

Kevin Stalica indicated that DES TE&O might be able to assist Parks at intersections where trails cross streets. TE&O would have more expertise than Parks. Kevin indicated that there were a number of regulatory signs at these intersections that have been in place for some time. Sergio Viricochea said that TE&O could work proactively with Parks to determine the need for regulatory signs. David Patton asked if the discussion of the collaboration has been addressed

There was some discussion of the signs along the Bluemont Trail where it crosses three roads. David Goodman indicated that there was a cap project for those intersections. Suggestion was made to use the TE&O analytical effort to establish the protocol for the larger effort to determine what signage would be appropriate.

Bike/ped counting (Dave Patton)

There was a trail count (with real people doing the counting) in September 2015. David Patton reported that the counting process used both paper forms as well as a Rails to Trails application.

David Patton indicated that Arlington County is working with researchers in Portland to analyze the data to better understand cyclist behavior.

David Patton indicated that they are working with TE&O to include bike counting using the T&EO sensor data.

David Patton indicated that Key Bridge sees about 6 million bike and ped trips annually.

David Patton indicates that there are a couple of the 38 counters that are inoperative at any given time. He said that the system was somewhat sensitive. That doesn't significantly impact the utility of the data.

Arlington County Police Training (Gillian Burgess)

Gillian discussed the training documents for police officers and court personnel on enforcement. Gillian reported that the error that was noted about the ability of a cyclist to take a lane had been cleared up. Gillian indicated that we should be appreciative of the efforts of the ACPD.

Snow clearing – NPS Edition (Dana Bres)

Cynthia Palmer indicated that NPS GWMP was working on increasing the focus on trail clearing.

Kevin Stalica said that they would have to create an agreement to clear the sidewalk from Lynn and Lee to Key Bridge. There was some discussion about whether we should ask the NPS or Arlington County to clear that section of the sidewalk.

Gillian offered up her priorities

- 2 Memorial Bridge
- 1 LBJ to the 14th
- 1a 27 to Memorial
- 3 Lynn to Key Bridge
- 4 Belle Haven
- 5 Lynn and Lee TR

We agreed that the development of the final list should include input from the Alexandria PBAC and Fairfax County's FABB.

Budget time: street lights, trails (capital maintenance), update to bike element of the MTP; FTE neighborhood complete Gillian

Gillian is now on the Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission. She reports that there is no bad news for cyclists, with funding for street lights and a goal of developing a street light master plan. KS said that the lighting issue was not the ones on poles and the ones

under structures. The master planning process will also examine the Dominion lights that will be transferred to Arlington County.

She said that there was a budget for sidewalk maintenance/replacement but there was no cap budget for trails. In the past, the trail budget was in the DES budget and it was lost during the recession. Kevin Stalica indicated that Parks did not have a trail cap budget (of about \$100K/yr). He said that there was a regular maintenance budget for the trails but not a capital budget for trails. Gillian said that we should request that a cap maintenance budget should be established on a permanent basis.

Arlington County has a complete streets program but they haven't allocated staff resources for the complete streets effort. It doesn't appear that DES has staff available to support the complete streets effort.

There was an initiative from the Board to update the bicycle element of the MTP. Gillian Burgess said she understood that the County felt that they could do the update without contract support. David Goodman said that staff was asked to identify what could be done within existing resources. Randy Swart said that the last time the Bicycle Element to the MTP was updated, it was done by a core group of the ABAC. David Goodman said that the MTP changes would require a degree of public outreach that can't be supported by the available staff. Eric Goodman asked if we could identify the relevant portions of the MTP that could be addressed by the BAC. David Goodman said that could be considered a "band-aid" approach but wouldn't likely address the needs of the cyclists who are not particularly active. He also said that working on the MTP (by staff) would divert their time from other critical efforts.

David Goodman said that the Bike Element of the MTP would likely cost about \$300K

Mike Hanna said that the Bike Element of the MTP was critical because the E2C2 requires some form of planning basis to support their decisions.

Gillian indicated that she felt that the BAC should push to have the County Board to include the funding for the Bike Element of the MTP in the current budget process (FY17). There are two options, update the Bike Element of the MTP or provide \$350K in the upcoming fiscal year to update the Bike Element of the MTP. The motion was passed to ask for \$350K this coming year.

Arlington County Staff Updates – Parks (Kevin Stalica; Projects; BikeArlington)

National Foreign Affairs Training Center. No news on the State Department initiative to close off the existing trail

Projects (David Goodman)

There will be a Public Space Master Plan focus group in the near future.

The Safety Officer (DES) is considering the use of cameras in DES vehicles. The camera will be reviewed if some event occurs with the vehicle.

They are looking at some traffic improvements that will result in the loss of some parking along Washington.

Wilson (Rosslyn to Courthouse) – Staff is looking at options. There may be the potential for a bike lane

The paving project for Quincy Street continues but there aren't any resources to move curbs. David Goodman said they were looking at doing the effort with the existing curb lanes.

David Patton reported that Arlington County is the recipient of a grant to do a low stress bicycle study.